



DAC Meeting Minutes (Draft Version)

Date: 4/18/18, 5:30pm

Location: KCPS BOE Building

Meeting called to order by Miriam King, Acting DAC Chair

- Welcomed everyone
- Background on how Miriam became involved with DAC- she built a relationship with the school principal and enjoyed the respect she and her family received, school asked her to help and so she became involved with building parent connections, she worked to give voice to all district parents and encouraged everyone to make sure their voice is heard at their school
- Highlights of recent DACX activities
 - Worked successfully with Dr. Bedell and Natalie Allen
 - District beginning process to have parent engagement part of the School Improvement Plans
 - Met with state legislators to support key issues
 - Advocated for schools struggling with Tax Incremental Financing (TIFF) school funding losses
 - Advocated for principals to identify parent leaders for inclusion in DAC activities
 - Reviewed the new Board Policy on School Partnerships and provided feedback
 - NE and East High Schools will be starting tennis programs next school year and connecting the US Tennis Association (USTA) to the district for support
- Notice of quorum reached which allows for the election to proceed
- Each school's DAC delegate received a ballot to be used later for the election of officers

Stacy Neff, Owner of Brookside coffee shop "One More Cup"

- She wants to do things for kids at Hale Cook and Hartman
- Involved with 12 months of giving to collect support for non-profits
- Reached out to other KC coffee shops to collect snacks for one week to benefit students during testing times
- They collected 3100 snacks and also notes of encouragement for KCPS
- The district targeted 11 schools with low MAP scores to receive the snacks
- She is interested in doing this again next school year
- Encourage everyone to let businesses what they need, because businesses often don't know what help is needed

Jennifer Woolfsie, KCPS Board of Education

- Presentation on BOE Policy "Principals of Educational Partnerships"
- Compared KCPS to a similar sized school district, the Springfield School District
- KC and St. Louis have challenges due to charter schools that Springfield does not experience
- Data shows the number of schools within the KCPS boundary is out of alignment with the Springfield District which leads to higher costs to maintain and administrate additional schools in KCPS
- While choice is good and KCPS still has Signature Schools that remain from the years as magnet schools. Issues such as high student mobility, lack of a cohesive feeder school system, public school deserts where nearby schools aren't available, and other inefficiencies are some of the outcomes of choice



- Board decided to develop this Partnership Policy to assist Dr. Bedell with his talks from various educational organizations and charter schools

Susan Stocking, Interim DAC At-Large

- Provided information card to attendees detailing ways they can increase their participation with KCPS
 - Election issues are important to vote on
 - Change the narrative regarding KCPS to highlight the positives
 - Get your local community involved by attending school events
 - Engage legislators to support KCPS educational needs such as limiting the negative effects of TIF agreements on schools
 - Watch BOE meetings on tv
 - Participate in school parent groups
 - Use District's "Let's Talk" to help communicate concerns or questions, District goal is to give a response within 72 hours

Roland Hemmings, Interim DAC Corresponding Secretary

- Requested educational organizations in attendance to self-identify
 - Roxanne from Greater KC Junior Achievement wants to expand their outreach to all KCPS students
 - Donna from local KC church noted their work providing backpacks, tutoring, uniforms, and school supplies to KCPS students
 - Patricia from LINC at Rodgers noted they are working with multiple partnerships
 - Crystal from the 20/20 Leadership program working with high school students
 - "I am 413" representative is working with girls ages 13-19 thru mentoring and asked for others to join their mentoring program for KCPS
- Requested any school's announcements or concerns from the attendees

Announcements

- Border Star Elem- PTA did a large fundraiser for building improvements
- Banneker- Kindergarten Roundup and fundraising events along with a 5K on April 28th
- Paseo HS- MAP scores are high for all grade levels, students preparing for ACT and MAP, Art event "Victory in Motion", Special dance event April 11th and 12th with tickets available at 816-974-7069
- James- Big fundraiser for student incentives, cupcakes for each student, Cinco-de-Mayo celebration on May 4th needs volunteers: Contact 816-418-3700
- Central Academy HS- Jazz Band to perform at Penn Valley College for first time, good sports programs including soccer, girls lock-in night with catered food and poetry slam, Dr. Bedell held a forum with students from other schools
- Rogers- NA
- Hartman Elem- NA
- Longfellow- NA
- Southeast HS- Started a KC Family and Community Engagement (KCFCE) Pilot program with a Kauffman Grant to help 50 freshman students
- Wheatley- NA
- Hale Cook Elem- Collecting funds for a memorial bench after the loss of an at-risk student

- Lincoln HS- NA
- FLA- NA
- NE HS- Principal Bolden noted fundraiser at McDonalds
- NE MS- Principal notes that once the school SAC was started it was working well, started a Pilot composting program with community volunteer support, plan to start a garden next school year
- Whittier- NA
- Wendell Phillips Elem- Chess team in LINC took second place
- Holliday Montessori- School has a very engaged group of parents, carnival coming soon, Concert April 29th
- Melcher- No strong parent group currently, but will work to get it started, Community in Schools, bingo soon, commented that parent involvement is first getting the kids to school

Concerns

- Parent attending DAC expressed her concerns about student behavior, schools with large homeless populations, counselors available only 3 days each week
 - Jennifer Wolfsie spoke about limitations due to budget and noted upcoming budget hearing, encouraged parents to become knowledgeable of school financing processes and that the Board is aware of the need for additional social services
- Next DAC meeting may be held this summer but the date is to be determined and may be an educational workshop

Steve Burton, Interim DAC Recording Secretary

DACX Election

- DACX has solicited candidates for officers over the last several months
- A ballot was given to each school's official DAC Delegate, as listed on each school's DAC Declaration Form, upon registration at the sign-in table
- The District and DACX received the Declaration form from all but one school
- Schools with more than one representative from the school are encouraged to consult with one another when voting per the DAC Parent Leader Declaration Form
- Each DAC delegate with a ballot will then mark their ballot for no more than 7 officers, space for a write in candidate is provided
- Once your ballot is completed, put it in the ballot box, the voting will close five minutes after the start time
- The election committee will then count the ballots
- Those not involved in voting are free to go, network quietly, or stay till the election results are announced
 - Concern from attendee as to who they are voting for and concern about lack of notice
 - Susan Stocking explained that DACX had been seeking new officers and candidates for over a year. The elections were announced at the Feb 7th 2018 DAC meeting and the need for each school to submit their list of official DAC delegates.
 - Steve Burton noted that the DAC officers had tried to identify candidates for more than a year due to a failure to reach a quorum during past elections.



- Each candidate present was then asked to self-identify for the benefit of voters.
- Voting was initiated and 30 seconds notice was given prior to closure of voting
- Election committee counted the ballots and tallied the votes

Susan Stocking, Interim DAC At-Large

DACX Election Results Announced, they take office as of April 19th

- Congratulations to those elected as follows:
 - Steve Burton
 - Lisa Gooden
 - Roland Hemmings
 - Nelle Powell
 - Demonte Rochester
 - Susan Stocking
 - Erick Arreola

Meeting Adjourned